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Mr. William F. Stephens, Director
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Your letter of June 10, requests comment pursuant to Sect. 56-585 of the Electric Utility Restructuring Act regarding "default service"

Let me first say that the voices of the general public and residential user of electricity have been very small in this deregulation process because they do not have the benefit of a group of high paid lawyers and experts to match those representing the utilities and other large vested interests. Similarly the public has not had the benefit of large political contributions to compare with those made by the vested interests.

Secondly, the details regarding Choice and default service, etc. are so complicated that the general public cannot be expected to understand them.

Third, most of the concerns and details are aimed at protecting and assisting the utilities, and are only secondarily aimed at protecting the public. What we are getting is less regulation to protect the public and more regulation to aid the utilities!!!

WILL TRY TO RESPOND TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

Having default service provided by a "non-incumbent" will make it more difficult for the public to protect itself.

have no interest in providing default service, and no facilities.

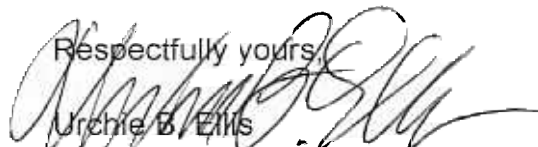
Impediments to competitive provision of default service are that the public cannot be expected to understand and handle the details.

Having competitive bidding for default service may be okay in theory, and for the generating companies, but will require more SCC regulation, and I submit that the public will be far better off with the long existant public utility electric regulation.

No suggestion as to how to enhance, but it must be kept simple.

The comments of the utilities will be of interest, and need to be reviewed carefully to protect the general public interest. Remember--capped rates expire!!

Respectfully yours,


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